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Applicant: David B. Krig et al. Examiner: George R. Evanisko
Serial No.: 09/316,515 Group Art Unit: 3762
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING IRREGULAR
VENTRICULAR CONTRACTIONS SUCH AS DURING ATRIAL
ARRHYTHMIA

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated August 8, 2002. Detailed comments to the Office Action are found in the Remarks section below. Amendments to the specification and claims are found in the following Amendments section.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 1-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 8, 2002 to December 8, 2002.

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AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 28, 58, 63, 91 with their respective claims in the appendix-entitled "Clean Version of the Amended Claims." The replacement claims are intended to reflect the specific amendments as detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended) A method, including:
obtaining V-V intervals between ventricular beats;
computing [recursively] a first indicated pacing interval, for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a paced beat and for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a sensed beat, [using]